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1. DEEPLY APPRECIATE RAPID RESPONSE. WE AGREE TOTALLY WITH DESIRE TO PIN DOWN EXPLICITLY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS. WE HAD HOPED IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO KEEP AGREEMENT GENERAL AND SUPPLY SPECIFICS IN SEPARATE LETTER RECORDING THEM FOR RECORD. INSERTING THEM IN AGREEMENT OF COURSE CLEANER BUT NASA/DEPT SHOULD RECOGNISE RESULT WILL BE CONSIDERABLE DELAY. SUPARCO INDICATED TO TEAM SAT MEETING SUCH CHANGES AS PROPOSED WOULD ENTAIL PULLING BACK OF AGREEMENT FROM MINISTRY FOR REFDRAFT AND RESUBMISSION. THIS, OF COURSE, ASSUMING SUPARCO ACCEPTS CHANGES. THEIR ESTIMATE OF AT LEAST TWO WEEKS FOR MINISTRY REVIEW WOULD MOVE APPROVAL BY SUPARCO TO NO EARLIER THAN MID-AUGUST.

2. PROBLEM STILL EXISTS RE CCT COVERAGE. REGRET APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING. AREA A TWO MEANT TO TO INCLUDE 40 RPT 40 SCENE AREA BOUNDED BY HEAVY LINES RUNNING LEFT TO RIGHT COLUMNS H-D AND TOP TO BOTTOM 03 TO 10. DESIGNATION A TWO JUST HAPPENS TO BE ON PUNJAB PROVINCE. SUPARCO INDICATED SAT WITHIN TOTAL 40 SCENE
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AREA HIGHEST PRIORITY IS THAT REQUIRED TO FOLLOW CROP SEASON OVER

PUNJAB AND RPT AND SIND PROVINCE (BELOW ON MAP). THUS MINIMUM AREA CONSISTS OF TOTAL 28 SCENES OF WHICH BULK OF AREA APPEARS COVERABLE WITH 13-22 SCENES.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE ON ABOVE BASIS (SPECIFICALLY LINE 4 BLOCKS F,E, D, LINE 5 BLOCKS F, E, D, LINE 6 BLOCKS F, E, D, LINE 7 BLOCK G,F, E, LINE 8 BLOCKS H, G, F, LINE 9 BLOCKS H, G, F, AND LINE 10 BLOCKS H, G, F, AND E.).

4. TENTATIVELY TRYING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH MEHMUD FRIDAY KARACHI TIME.

5. NO MATTER WHAT WASHINGTON DECISION RE CCT COVERAGE, THESE CHANGES OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE VERY UNLIKELY NEW DRAFT TEXT OF LETTER AGREEMENT CAN BE INITIALED EVEN IN SUBSTANCE BY SUPARCO DURING NEXT MEETING. WE WILL OF COURSE INDICATE OUR ABILITY TO DO SO. IF AS WE SUSPECT INITIALING NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE, IN ORDER FOR SUPARCO TO HAVE SOME FORMAL PIECE OF PAPER TO REACT ON, PERHAPS AT END OF MEETING BEST TO LEAVE NEW DRAFT WITH SUPARCO FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION THIS BEING DONE IN FORM OF ANNEX TO CONSULATE NOTE WHICH MIGHT READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE FURTHER TO OUR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED LETTER EXCHANGE AND IN RESPONSE TO THOSE CHANGES SUGGESTED BY SUPARCO, ATTACHED HERewith IS A REVISED NASA DRAFT OF AGREEMENT AS WE DISCUSSED TODAY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT. PLEASE CALL MR. DEVIGHT AT US CONSULATE WHEN YOU HAVE HAD TIME TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE SUGGESTED REVISIONS. END QUOTE.

SINCE SUPARCO CONSIDERATION MAY REQUIRE 22 WEEKS THIS WOULD ESTABLISH CONSULATE AS POINT OF CONTACT AND ALLOW TEAM TO RETURN. CONSULATE COULD THEN BE AUTHORIZED TO INITIAL AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM IF SUPARCO CAN ACCEPT CHANGES. PLEASE ADVISE RE ABOVE SCENARIO.

6 AGREEMENT BEING RETYPED ALONG LINES REFTTEL STARTING WITH 11 CCT'S AS FIGURE THUS FAR AUTHORIZED IN PARA C OF NASA BEST EFFORTS (STRONGLY URGE WASHINGTON APPROVAL TO INCREASE THIS AS EXPLAINED PARAS 2-3 ABOVE). WE WILL ALSO REVISE INTRODUCTION OF LETTER TO REFER EXPLICITLY TO APRIL 27 CONSULATE LETTER
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WHICH WAS VEHICLE TO TRANSMIT TO SUPARCO ORIGINAL TEXT OF DRAFT AGREEMENT NOT DEPT TELEX AS PRESENTLY WORDED IN TEXT.

7. QUICK CALCULATION BY TEAM INDICATES NEGOTIATING LIMIT OF 11 SCENES FOR SIX WOULD TOTAL 110 SCENES. TWENTY TWO SCENES WOULD COVER THE PRINCIPAL CROP AREA OF PAKISTAN (PARA 3 ABOVE). CCT COVERAGE FOR THIS AREA FOR FOUR MONTHS WOULD TOTAL 154 SCENES. BELIEVE THIS BROADER COVERAGE FOR SHORTER PERIOD

COULD BE CRITICAL IN FINAL NEGOTIATION.
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